



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 955

Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 25, 2007*

SUMMARY

S. 955 would establish the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area (NHA) in the state of Illinois. The bill would designate the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition (a consortium of Illinois communities) to serve as the management entity for the proposed NHA. The coalition would be responsible for developing a management plan for the NHA and for assisting local governments and nonprofit agencies in implementing the plan. In addition, the legislation would require the Department of the Interior to report to the Congress on the work of the NHA.

The legislation would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million, not to exceed \$1 million annually, for financial assistance to the coalition or other eligible entities over the next 15 years. CBO estimates that implementing S. 955 would cost \$5 million over the 2008-2012 period, with additional amounts spent after 2012.

Enacting S. 955 would have no effect on direct spending or revenues. S. 955 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 955 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Estimated Authorization Level	1	1	1	1	1
Estimated Outlays	1	1	1	1	1

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 955 would cost \$5 million over the 2008-2012 period and \$5 million over the following five to 10 years. Such amounts would be used to cover a portion of the costs of reporting, planning, establishing, operating, and interpreting the heritage area.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 955 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. State and local governments would benefit from grants and technical assistance authorized by the bill.

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